GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Assessment of Socio-Economic Challenges
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding various socio-economic challenges and infrastructural hindrances being faced by the North Eastern Region;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the findings in this regard; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of
Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]
(a) to (c) Difficult hilly terrain, inaccessible areas, sparse population, inadequate physical infrastructure, poor financial resource base are the major challenges for development of the North Eastern Region (NER) of the country. Recognizing the challenges and the need for significant levels of investment in the region, there has been constant focus of the Government of India for development of the region through special programmes for social and physical Infrastructure development, human resource development, capacity building, etc. Development efforts of the States of the region are also being supplemented through liberal funding pattern of the sectoral developmental schemes and area specific development packages.